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TAGS: PINT, FR, OVIP (MITTERRAND, FRANCOIS)

SUBJECT: FRANCOIS MITTERRAND -- LEADERSHIP AT THE EDGE  
OF SUCCESS

NOTE: THIS IS THE FIRST OF THREE CABLES FOR THE DEPARTMENT'S USE IN PREPARING FOR THE SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH MITTERRAND; THE OTHER TWO WILL COVER SOCIALIST FOREIGN POLICY AND SOCIALIST/COMMUNIST RELATIONS.

SUMMARY. AT 59, FRANCOIS MITTERRAND HAS ACCOMPLISHED ALL BUT ONE OF HIS POLITICAL GOALS. HE HAS REUNITED A SOCIALIST PARTY WHICH HAD FALLEN, ONLY FOUR YEARS AGO, INTO THE IMPOTENCE OF FACTIONAL BICKERING. HE HAS ALL BUT ELIMINATED ANY EFFECTIVE CHALLENGE TO HIS LEADERSHIP WITHIN THE PARTY. UNDER HIS GUIDANCE, THE PS HAS BUILT A TOUGH, ACTIVE AND ATTRACTIVE INFRASTRUCTURE. MITTERRAND TODAY IS WHAT HE CLAIMS TO BE: THE LEADER OF THE FRENCH OPPOSITION. AND IF THE CONQUEST OF THE GOVERNMENT HAS THUS FAR ELUDED HIM, MITTERRAND AWAITS THE FUTURE WITH THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING THAT SEVERAL POLLS AND THE MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR'S STATISTICS ARE ALREADY SUGGESTING THAT THE LEFT -- IF IT STAYS UNITED -- WILL COME WITHIN THIRTY SEATS OF A PARLIAMENTARY MAJORITY IN THE NEXT GENERAL ELECTIONS. END SUMMARY

1. MITTERRAND'S PS ACHIEVEMENTS: BUILDING ON A FRAGMENTED BASE IN WHICH ELEMENTS OF THE OLD SFIO WERE AT CONTINUED ODDS WITH VARIOUS SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC GROUPS, MITTERRAND HAS, IN FOUR YEARS, BROUGHT THE PS FROM 15,000 TO 160,000 MEMBERS. HIS TEAMS HAVE SPREAD OUT OVER THE COUNTRY AND HAVE IMPLANTED THE PS IN AREAS WHERE THE PARTY HAD PREVIOUSLY BEEN A FORMALITY. THE PARTY HAS REANIMATED ITS PUBLICATIONS, IS CONSIDERING THE PURCHASE OF A DAILY NEWSPAPER, TOYED WITH THE IDEA OF CHALLENGING THE GOF MONOPOLY BY BUILDING A RADIO TRANSMITTER AND HAS MOVED INTO NEW HEADQUARTERS. EACH  
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OF THESE CHANGES BEARS MITTERRAND'S PERSONAL MARK FOR ONLY THE PARTY'S FIRST SECRETARY HAS BEEN ABLE TO IMPOSE DECISION ON THE WARRING FACTIONS.

2. MITTERRAND'S NATIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS -- HIS NEW IMAGE: HAVING MISSED THE PRESIDENCY BY ONLY 380,000 VOTES, MITTERRAND IS NOW, FINALLY, AFTER YEARS OF TRYING, A CREDIBLE STATESMAN. LONG SUSPECT TO FRENCH VOTERS FOR

THE MANY EXCESSES OF HIS YOUTH, FOR YEARS A VICTIM OF  
THE SUSPICION THAT HE HAD STAGED AN ASSASSINATION  
ATTEMPT ON HIMSELF, MITTERRAND HAS RISEN ABOVE HIS PAST,  
CARRIED BY THE 49.2 PERCENT OF THE VOTE HE RECEIVED IN  
LAST YEAR'S PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION. MITTERRAND CAN NOW  
SPEAK TO THE FRENCH ABOUT INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS,  
NATIONAL ECONOMIC PROBLEMS AND DEFENSE MATTERS WITHOUT  
HAVING HIS WORDS READ THROUGH A SCREEN OF VOTER SUSPICION.  
THIS VOTER ACCEPTANCE HAS LED MITTERRAND TO RELAX -- HE  
ISN'T TRYING QUITE AS HARD, HE'S NOT PUSHING WITH THE  
SAME FORCE. AND THE NEW MITTERRAND PLEASES. HE IS  
TOUCHINGLY EFFECTIVE WHEN WRITING ABOUT RURAL FRANCE IN  
HIS WEEKLY COLUMN; HIS MOST RECENT BOOK, LA PAILLE ET LE  
GRAIN (THE WHEAT AND THE CHAFF) CONFIRMED, FOR MANY  
CRITICS (BOTH LITERARY AND POLITICAL) THE PRESENCE OF A  
MAJOR WRITER ON THE FRENCH SCENE. MITTERRAND IS A

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RELAXED, SAGE AND MELLOW OBSERVER OF THE FRENCH SCENE AND PRESS TREATMENT OF THE PS FIRST SECRETARY HAS RECENTLY TENDED TO REINFORCE THIS IMPRESSION. WHILE STILL BEING QUOTED AS A PARTY LEADER, MITTERRAND IS RECEIVING THE KIND OF KID-GLOVE HANDLING USUALLY RESERVED FOR PRESIDENTS, PRIME MINISTERS AND ELDER STATESMEN.

3. COOLING THE PASSIONS: MITTERRAND'S WELL-PUBLICIZED AMBITION COMBINED WITH A RATHER WELL-KNOWN HISTORY OF CASUAL PHILANDERING AND THE FLAUNTING OF VARIOUS YOUNG FEMALE FRIENDS IN PUBLIC HAVE GIVEN RISE TO THE COMMENT THAT HE IS NOT A "SURE" QUANTITY. FOR THE PAST YEAR OR SO SUCH COMMENTS HAVE BEEN DIMINISHING. THE FLAMBOYANT EXCESSES SEEM TO HAVE STOPPED AND HE HAS TOLD A FEW INTIMATES THAT HE REGRETS TIME SPENT AWAY FROM HIS READING AND WRITING. IF THESE INTIMATES CAN BE BELIEVED-- AND THEY WERE AMONG THE FIRST TO COMMENT PUBLICLY ON HIS PREVIOUS EXCESSES -- MITTERRAND IS WORKING HARD ON AT LEAST TWO BOOKS, IS READING POLITICAL HISTORY IN LARGE DOSES AND HOPES TO PUBLISH A WORK ON THE FRENCH GOVERNMENT SOME TIME DURING THE NEXT YEAR. HIS MOOD IS USUALLY DESCRIBED AS ACTION-ORIENTED IN PUBLIC AND PHILOSOPHICAL IN PRIVATE. HE SAYS HE WOULD LIKE TO

WITHDRAW FROM DAILY INVOLVEMENT WITH THE PARTY, BUT FEW OBSERVERS BELIEVE HE WILL DO SO BEFORE 1978 AND THE AFTERMATH OF THE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS. AT THE END OF HIS FIFTIES, MITTERRAND HAS REDISCOVERED THE FRENCH COUNTRYSIDE AND EVEN LE MONDE'S LITERARY CRITICS HAVE HAD HIGH PRAISE FOR HIS "HYMNS" TO THE LANDES AND NIEVRE HE LOVES. THIS MORE RESTRAINED MITTERRAND IS MORE ATTRACTIVE TO THE FRENCH PRESS, AND WILL PROBABLY BE MORE APPEALING TO FRENCH VOTERS.

4. THE NATIONAL LEADER -- A POLICY OF ALTERNATIVES:  
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MITTERRAND'S PRODIGIOUS INTELLECTUAL FORCES, WHICH HAD FOR YEARS BEEN TURNED TOWARDS SHORT-TERM POLITICAL GAINS, NOW SEEM TO BE INVOLVED WITH THE CREATION OF POLICY ALTERNATIVES FOR FRANCE. HE HAS BEEN THE MOTIVATING FORCE BEHIND AN INTERNATIONAL SYMPOSIUM ON ECONOMICS, HAS BROUGHT THE PS, KICKING AND SCREAMING, TO THE REALIZATION THAT IDEOLOGICAL ATTACKS ON THE GOF DO NOT REPRESENT A SOLUTION TO THE ENERGY CRISIS, AND HAS BEEN THE CENTER OF AN ON-GOING PS STUDY OF FOREIGN POLICY. MITTERRAND HAS RECENTLY ASKED ALL SECTORS OF THE PARTY TO SUBMIT FOREIGN POLICY PAPERS TO HIM. HIS ACID COMMENTARY, USUALLY DELIVERED IN THE FORM OF MARGINALIA, IS BRINGING THE PS TO A HARDER, MORE REALISTIC VIEW OF FOREIGN POLICY.

5. AN END TO IDEOLOGY? IF THE PUBLIC MITTERRAND IS CONSTRAINED TO PAY LIP SERVICE TO THE COMMON PROGRAM WHICH UNITES THE LEFT IN A QUEASY ALLIANCE, THE PRIVATE MITTERRAND HAS NO SUCH BARRIERS. HIS STAFF HAS BEEN ASKED TO RETHINK THE PROBLEM OF NATO, TO CONSIDER ACCOMMODATIONS WITH THE MULTI-NATIONAL CORPORATION AND TO CONSIDER VARIOUS OTHER SOCIALIST HERESIES. MITTERRAND'S PERSONAL RELATIONS WITH A FEW SENIOR OFFICIALS AT THE QUAI D'ORSAY ARE SAID TO BE EXCELLENT AND HIS STAFF ALREADY WORKING ON POSSIBLE SCENARIOS FOR A FUTURE GISCARD-MITTERRAND MEETING. MORE THAN ANYONE ELSE, MITTERRAND HAS BEEN RESPONSIBLE FOR FREEING THE PS FROM A CERTAIN IDEOLOGICAL RIGIDITY WHICH HAS PARALYZED IT FOR AT LEAST TWO YEARS. HE HAS PROTECTED HIS EXPERTS, SHIELDING THEM FROM THE MINORITY'S CRITIQUES, BUT HAS ALSO BEEN ABLE TO STAY AWAY FROM ANY PERSONAL IDENTIFICATION WITH THE HERETICS.

6. HIS CONTROL OF THE PARTY: MITTERRAND'S INSISTENCE ON MOVING THE PARTY'S LEFT-WING CERES OUT OF THE DAY-TO-DAY MANAGEMENT OF PS AFFAIRS (AT THE PAU CONGRESS, JANUARY 31 - FEBRUARY 2) HAS PROVEN TO BE AN ENORMOUSLY EFFECTIVE

STROKE. THE PS IS NOW FREE TO SET A LINE OF POLICY AND  
PURSUE IT WITHOUT HAVING MINOR INTERNAL POLITICAL  
CONTRADICTIONS AT WORK WITHIN THE PARTY'S NATIONAL  
LEADERSHIP. AT PAU, MITTERRAND CONTROLLED SOME 65.5  
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PERCENT OF THE PARTY'S DELEGATES; MOST OBSERVERS --  
INCLUDING A FEW FROM CERES -- BELIEVE THAT IN THE EVENT  
OF AN EXTRAORDINARY CONGRESS TODAY, MITTERRAND'S MAJORITY  
WOULD RISE TO NEARLY 70 PERCENT. CERES LEADERS RUEFULLY  
CONCEDE THAT MITTERRAND HAS RUN OVER THEM, HAS SIDE-  
STEPPED THEIR CRITICISMS AND HAS INSTALLED A TEAM OF HIS  
OWN WHICH IS RUNNING THE PARTY MORE EFFICIENTLY TODAY  
THAN EVER BEFORE.

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7. THE MITTERRAND TEAM: MITTERRAND HAS BEEN RUTHLESS IN WEEDING OUT THE WEAK LINKS ON HIS TEAM AND IN ADDING NEW MEMBERS WHERE HE THOUGHT THEY COULD BE USEFUL. LAST SUMMER'S FIRING OF NATIONAL DELEGATE FOR MEMBERSHIP HENRY DELISLE, A CLOSE PERSONAL FRIEND, SERVED WARNING TO THE PS THAT NO ONE WAS ABOVE THE TEST OF EFFICIENCY. LAST MONTH'S ELEVATION--ONLY A YEAR AFTER HE REJOINED THE PS --OF FORMER UNIFIED SOCIALIST PARTY (PSU) MICHEL ROCARD TO THE POST OF NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR THE PUBLIC SECTOR GAVE THE PARTY A BRILLIANT POTENTIAL ALTERNATIVE TO ITS CURRENT NUMBER 2, LILLE MAYOR PIERRE MAUROY. WHILE MEMBERS OF THE MITTERRAND MAJORITY COMPLAINED BITTERLY ABOUT THE LACK OF RESPECT FOR PERSONAL FEELINGS WHICH THE ACTIONS BETRAYED, THE FIRST SECRETARY HAS MADE HIS POINT: HIS TEAM IS GOING TO BE PUBLICLY ACCOUNTABLE FOR RESULTS. MITTERRAND IS AN INTENSELY PRIVATE MAN WHO IS GENERALLY BORED BY ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS, BUT HE HAS LATELY BEEN INTERESTING HIMSELF IN ALL PHASES OF THE PARTY'S ACTIVITIES AND HAS BEEN RIDING HERD ON THE RESULTS OF THE PS'S VARIOUS CAMPAIGNS. FOR THE FIRST TIME IN RECENT MEMORY, PS STATISTICS ARE ACCURATE;

FORGOTTEN ARE THE INFLATED LISTS OF FEDERATION MEMBERS, THE EXAGGERATED CLAIMS OF PARTY SECTIONS FORMED IN VARIOUS BUSINESS ENTITIES AND THE PADDED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS. PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE, BUT MITTERRAND'S CRITICS STILL CLAIM THAT THE BASIC PS ORGANIZATIONAL PROBLEM IS AT THE TOP. MITTERRAND PREFERS TO DELAY DECISIONS UNTIL THE LAST POSSIBLE MOMENT AND OCCASIONALLY SLIPS BACK INTO ASKING PERSONAL FRIENDS TO TAKE ON TASKS ALREADY CONFIDED TO VARIOUS PARTS OF THE ORGANIZATION.

8. THE MAUROY/ROCARD TEAM -- THE PROBLEM OF SUCCESSION: AS BEFITS A POLITICAL PHILOSOPHER, MITTERRAND IS MUCH CONCERNED WITH THE PROBLEM OF HIS OWN SUCCESSION. WHILE CONFIDENTIAL

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HIS PERSONAL FAVORITES IN THE PARTY (LOUIS MERMAZ, DEPUTY/MAYOR OF VIENNE; PIERRE BEREGOVOY, NATIONAL SECRETARY FOR EXTERNAL RELATIONS) RECEIVE VARIOUS MARKS OF MITTERRAND'S PERSONAL ESTEEM, HE IS CAREFUL NOT TO CONFUSE SENTIMENT AND POLITICAL JUDGMENT. MAUROY, LONG CONSIDERED AS MITTERRAND'S ANOINTED HEIR, LACKS SOME OF THE CHARISMA AND DRIVE OF THE MORE INTENSE AND BRILLIANT ROCARD. ROCARD, IN TURN, LACKS MAUROY'S YEARS OF INTIMATE KNOWLEDGE OF THE PARTY AND HIS POLITICAL BASE. BY PLACING THE TWO CLOSE PERSONAL FRIENDS IN THE NATIONAL SECRETARIAT, RAND HAS EFFECTIVELY GIVEN THE PARTY THE POSSIBILITY OF A JOINT LEADERSHIP WHOSE APPEAL WILL BE VERY MUCH TO THE SAME ELEMENTS AS MITTERRAND'S OWN. WHETHER HE HAS ALSO SOWN THE SEEDS OF A FUTURE CONFLICT REMAINS TO BE SEEN.

9. HIS AMBITION: MITTERRAND'S AMBITION REMAINS THE PRESIDENCY OF FRANCE BUT HE RECOGNIZES THAT THIS GOAL WILL REQUIRE A CONVINCING SHOW IN THE UPCOMING ELECTIONS. HE HAS, THEREFORE, CHanneled HIS EFFORTS INTO INSTITUTIONALIZATION WITHIN THE PARTY AND PREPARATION FOR THE LEGISLATIVE ELECTIONS OF 1978. HE HAS LET IT BE KNOWN THAT, BASED ON LEAKED MINISTRY OF INTERIOR POLLS, HE EXPECTS THE PS TO TAKE SOME 35-37 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IN THE 1978 ELECTIONS; ADDED TO THE 18-19 PERCENT WHICH THESE POLLS GIVE TO THE COMMUNISTS AND THE 8-9 PERCENT WHICH THE LEFT RADICALS ARE EXPECTED TO TAKE, THE ELECTORAL GEOGRAPHY OF FRANCE STILL DOES NOT ASSURE THAT MITTERRAND CAN COUNT ON A CLEAR MAJORITY IN THE NATIONAL ASSEMBLY. MOST OBSERVERS BELIEVE THAT MORE ACCURATE FIGURES WOULD GIVE THE PS 33 PERCENT, THE COMMUNISTS 19 PERCENT AND THE MRG 5 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IF THE ELECTIONS WERE HELD TODAY; THIS WOULD PROBABLY TRANSLATE TO ABOUT 220 SEATS -- SOME 25 SHORT OF A MAJORITY. AND THEREIN LIES A SECOND MAJOR



TEST WHICH MITTERRAND WILL HAVE TO PASS: SINCE  
FRANCE'S CONSTITUTION DOES NOT PROVIDE FOR A REGULAR  
SUCCESSION OF GOVERNMENTS IN WHICH PRESIDENT AND  
PRIME MINISTER ARE OF OPPOSING PARTIES, THE POSSIBILITY  
OF A MAJOR CONSTITUTIONAL CONFRONTATION EXISTS. IF  
GISCARD DECIDES TO BLOCK THE LEFT'S ACCESSION TO POWER,  
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IF GISCARD BALKS AT NAMING A SOCIALIST PREMIER AND  
COMMUNIST MINISTERS (ASSUMING THE UNION OF THE LEFT HOLDS  
TOGETHER UNTIL 1978), ON MITTERRAND'S STATESMANSHIP WILL  
DEPEND THE POLITICAL VIABILITY OF THE FIFTH REPUBLIC.

10. THE LEADER OF THE OPPOSITION (SEEEPTTEL): THE  
PS, IN BECOMING THE MOST IMPORTANT LEFT PARTY IN FRANCE,  
HAS BROUGHT MITTERRAND TO THE STATUS WHICH HIS PARTY

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CLAIMS FOR HIM -- HE STANDS AT THE HEAD OF A UNITED IF  
QUARRELSOME OPPOSITION. THE COMMUNISTS ARE NOT PLEASED  
BY THIS SITUATION AND HAVE TAKEN A NUMBER OF STEPS TO  
CUT DOWN MITTERRAND'S IMAGE OF LEADERSHIP. BUT  
MITTERRAND HAS NOT LOST MUCH BY THESE COMMUNIST EFFORTS,  
AND HAS GAINED CONSIDERABLE SYMPATHY AMONG UNCOMMITTED  
VOTERS WHO SUSPECT THE COMMUNISTS OF DOG-IN-THE-MANGER  
TACTICS. MITTERRAND'S ROLE AS THE HEAD OF THE CURRENT  
ALTERNATIVE TO GISCARD IS SURE, AT LEAST FOR THE TIME  
BEING.

11. CONCLUSIONS: MITTERRAND, WHILE REMAINING THE FORCE-  
FUL LEADER OF HIS TROOPS, IS IN A PERIOD OF CONTEMPLA-  
TION AND PLANNING. PREVENTED FROM PLAYING ANY GOVERN-  
MENTAL ROLE FOR AT LEAST THREE YEARS, HE IS PROFITING  
FROM THE RELATIVELY SLACK TIME THUS ENGENDERED TO DO  
THE THINGS WHICH HE HOPES WILL ASSURE A STRONGER PS IN  
THE PRE-ELECTION PERIOD. NOT CONSIDERED A GOOD ADMINIS-  
TRATOR, HE IS NEVERTHELESS TAKING AN INTEREST IN THE  
INTERNAL ADMINISTRATIVE PROBLEMS OF HIS PARTY. LONG

CAUGHT BETWEEN AMBITION ON THE ONE HAND AND PARTY  
OPPOSITION ON THE OTHER, HE SEEMS NOW TO BE MORE FREE TO  
DO THE THINGS HE FEELS ARE NECESSARY. MITTERRAND,  
ASSUMING HIS HEALTH HOLDS OUT, WILL CONTINUE TO BUILD  
WHAT HE CONSIDERS TO BE THE PS OF THE MID-70'S IN HIS  
OWN QUIET, RELATIVELY UNSPECTULAR WAY. HE WILL CONTINUE  
TO DISCIPLINE HIS PARTY'S IDEOLOGICAL INTELLECTUALS  
AND WILL CONTINUE TO INSIST THAT THEY PUT A HEALTHY DOSE  
OF REALISM INTO THEIR POLITICAL ANALYSES. HE WILL CON-  
TINUE TO PREPARE FOR 1978. AND HE WILL CONTINUE TO BE  
ATTRACTED BY THE CALMER, MORE PHILOSOPHICAL EXISTENCE  
WHICH A DEPARTURE FROM DAY-TO-DAY PARTY RESPONSIBILITIES  
MIGHT OFFER HIM. MITTERRAND IS NOT A LAME DUCK, NOR DOES  
HE INTEND TO BE, BUT THE TEMPTATION TO SPEND THE NEXT  
FEW YEARS IN WRITING AND CONTEMPLATION IS GREAT.  
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12. CONCLUSIONS -- AND IF THE LEFT WINS: MITTERRAND  
IS A MAN OF PRIVATE FEARS WHICH HE DOES NOT EXPRESS  
EASILY. BUT ONE POINT WHICH COMES OUT OF HIS CONVERSA-  
TIONS WITH MANY OF HIS FRIENDS IS THAT HE IS BASICALLY  
A PESSIMIST: NOT BELIEVING IN THE REALITY OF A LEFT  
CONQUEST OF POWER, HE ALSO DOES NOT BELIEVE THAT THE  
COMMUNISTS WOULD EVER BE WILLING TO SHARE POWER IN A  
GOVERNMENT UNDER GISCARD. SO MITTERRAND IS PESSIMISTIC  
AND MAKES OCCASIONAL PRIVATE REFERENCE TO THE "CYNICAL  
GAME OF POLITICS". BUT HE ALSO BELIEVES THAT THE FUNC-  
TION OF THE LEFT IS TO TEACH AND TO PREPARE THE FRENCH  
FOR A DAY WHEN A DEMOCRATIC LEFT GOVERNMENT CAN BE PUT  
INTO POWER WITH A CLEAR MANDATE FOR CHANGE. THE COMBINA-  
TION OF CYNICISM, SKEPTICISM AND ACCEPTANCE WHICH THESE  
THINGS IMPLY IS VERY MUCH AT THE HEART OF MITTERRAND AS  
HE MOVES INTO HIS FOURTH DECADE OF PUBLIC LIFE.  
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